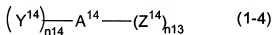


REMARKS

In view of the fact that claim 1 was canceled, claims 2-11 have also been canceled since they depended from canceled claim 1. Claims 19-22 were intended to depend from claim 12 and claim 19 has been amended to reflect that fact. Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 27-41 have been rejoined and that claims 12-41 are currently under consideration.

Claims 15, 18, 22, 26, and 29-41 were rejected as being indefinite in that the formulae (1-4) and (1-5) are indefinite since they refer to compounds. In particular, the Action states that it is improper to show incomplete bonds attached to E¹⁵ and Y¹⁴. The action also notes that it is not clear if these compounds have been polymerized with the material or not. With respect to formula 1-4, the formula has been amended to reflect that it should be:



Support for this amendment can be found in the examples of (1-4) found in paragraph [0098]. Accordingly, no new matter is being added.


As for formula (1-5), Applicant respectfully traverses. In Formula (1-5), E¹⁵ is defined at least in paragraph [0097] and it is noted that it has the same meaning as E³ of formula (3-1). E³ is defined at least at paragraph [0074] and it represents an alkylene group, an alkyleneoxy group or a siloxy group, as further exemplified in formulas (3-a) through (3-d). In addition, paragraphs [0075] through [0080] provide examples of suitable combinations including the defined E³ (of which E¹⁵ is equivalent). Moreover,

paragraph [0098] provides several examples of compounds of formula (1-5), which are believed to be consistent with the definition. In addition, it seems clear that the compound of formula (1-5) is shown prior to polymerizing, as is described in the noted paragraphs. Therefore the indefiniteness rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 29-41 were rejected as being indefinite since they referred to an organic-inorganic hybrid proton-conductive material instead of the fuel cell of claim 27. That discrepancy has been corrected and thus, the rejection is now moot.

It is believed that the claims are in condition to be allowed and notification to that effect is requested. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4276 to resolve any remaining issues.

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